Environmental Sustainability Committee Notes - Draft
Tuesday September 24, 2013
Edwards Hall 210
4:00 – 5:15 pm

In attendance: Rhonda Holtzclaw, co-chair; Sim Komisar; Vikki McConnell; Kathleen Crawford; TC Yih; Joe McDonald; Greg Tolley; Anne Hartley; Carleen Hunt; Sasha Wohlpart; Andrew Wilkinson; Kendra Carboneau

Absent: Sarah Davis, co-chair

Notes: Kathleen Crawford

Committee Charge - Dr. Toll joined our meeting, shared some campus updates, gave an overview of the history and importance of the Planning and Budget Council and the Environmental Sustainability Committee, and to give the annual charge to the group.

1. Land use document – review for possible updating
2. Monitor feasible implementation of Strategic Plan
3. Buckingham – visualization of what we can use Buckingham for now, in the short term over the next few years, and the long term.

Dr. Toll also took questions and participated in discussion with committee members. There were discussions of the challenges from last year, being reactive rather than proactive. Sim stated that the committee is a clearinghouse of campus knowledge and should be used; there are also great learning opportunities for students. Dr. Toll let us know that many of the issues were sprung upon us not giving ample lead time, but we have opportunities to be proactive by working on the strategic plan and the land use plan. Rhonda brought up the concept of having a checklist created prior to and during a project or a contract that lists the expected sustainable practices. Sasha brought up ensuring projects follow a triple bottom line (people, planet, profits).

Other items – Sim let the committee know that the Energy Efficiency Working Group would be re-starting its efforts – This group will evaluate the effectiveness of LEED from an energy perspective.

Kathleen made a motion to request to increase ESC membership to include the Associate Director of Housing Facilities and someone from Facilities Planning. Since the PBC establishes membership for the ESC, requests for changes to the current membership shall be approved by a majority of the current ESC membership, and then forwarded to the PBC for approval. Decision was made by consensus to move this forward.

The Next Step –

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8th at 4:00pm in Edwards Hall 210.